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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH COUNT AGUSTA

1. DURING TALKS WITH EUR OFFICERS JANUARY 14 AGUSTA BEMOANED THE FACT THAT HE AND OTHER ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE TRADITIONALLY FOLLOWED THE PRACTICE OF GIVING FINANCIAL BACKING TO NONCOMMUNIST POLITICIANS OF ALL VARIETIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES AS LEADERS OR PERSONAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. THE PRESENT URGENT NEED FOR REGENERATION OF THE DC REQUIRES THAT DONORS DIRECT THEIR ASSISTANCE IN A "COORDINATED" WAY TO THOSE LEADERS BEST ABLE TO BRING ABOUT EFFECTIVE REFORMS. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH COORDINATION, AGUSTA CONCLUDED, THE PRESENT SHOTGUN SYSTEM ONLY REINFORCES AND REWARDS INTRANSIGENCE IN THE OLD GUARD.

2. WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES, AGUSTA SUGGESTED THAT HE INTENDS TO WORK WITH LIKEMINDED ITALIANS OF MEANS IN AN EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE SUPPORT ON ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS BEST EQUIPPED TO PUSH THE DC TOWARDS REFORM AND RENEWAL.

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3. WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT AN IMPORTANT ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL-

IST REALIZES THE NECESSITY FOR DC REJUVENATION AND INTENDS

TO BEND HIS EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION. HIS POINT ABOUT
THE SELF-CANCELLING NATURE OF UNCOORDINATED ASSISTANCE
SEEMS WELL TAKEN. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED OF AGUSTA'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND OF
SIMILAR CONCLUSIONS OR EFFORTS BY OTHER ITALIANS THAT MAY
COME TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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